



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:) Confirmation No. 5573
Reiki WATANABE)
Serial No.: 10/743,314) Group Art Unit: 1762
Filed: December 23, 2003)
For: PROCESSING EQUIPMENT AND) Examiner:
PROCESSING METHOD)

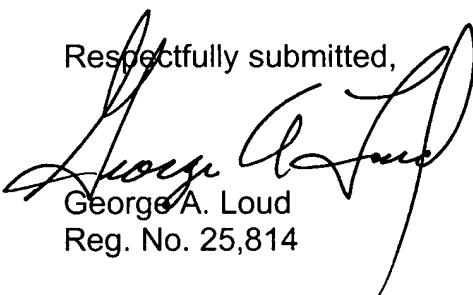
STATUS INQUIRY LETTER

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

It is respectfully requested that the undersigned be advised of the status of the above-captioned application. The above-captioned application was filed December 23, 2004 and no Office Action has yet been received.

Respectfully submitted,


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Dated: December 23, 2005